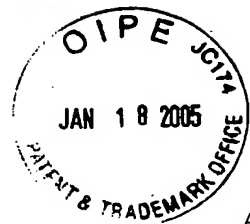


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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2004, in which the above-captioned application was examined for restriction purposes only. Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks to be entered into the records and considered by the Examiner.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.